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MY NAME IS ERIC ALLSTON, AND I'M INCARCERATED IN THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS. I'M WRITING YOU CONCERNING THE INTRASTATE PHONE CALLS. THE COSTS ARE TO HIGH, WE HAVE TO PAY 6.00 FOR 15 MINUTES TO CALL HOME. MY FAMILY IS ON A FIXED INCOME AND I CAN'T AFFORD IT. MY MOM PASSED AWAY, AND I COULDNT EVEN CALL AND TALK TO LOVED ONES. I'M SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE. THEY CHARGE US ALL OF THESE EXTRAORDINARY FEES, AND GIVE THE JAIL A KICKBACK, WE DON'T SEE ANY OF THAT MONEY IN PROGRAMS THAT WILL BENEFIT US. IF ALL THE FEES ARE CUT, THAT WILL LEAVE OUR FAMILIES WITH MORE MONEY TO BENEFIT US. LIKE TAKING CORRESPONDANCE COURSES, AND WE WILL LEAVE INCARCERATION WITH SOME TYPE OF SKILL THAT WILL MAKE US PRODUCTIVE IN SOCIETY. RECENTLY, BETWEEN CONTRACTS, THE PHONE CALLS WERE REDUCED TO 5 CENT A MINUTE WITH NO CONNECTING FEES, AND EVERYBODY WAS GETTING ON, A 15 MINUTE CALL WAS 75 CENTS. WE COULD COMMUNICATE WITH OUR LAWYERS, KIDS, AND SET UP JOBS FOR WHOM WE

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ARE RELEASED. PLEASE PUT A CAP ON THE INTRASTATE  
CALLS AT 5 CENT A MINUTE WITH NO CONNECTING FEES.  
PLEASE LOOK INTO THIS. OUR FAMILIES ARE BEING  
TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
YOUR TIME AND LISTENING TO ME. PLEASE LOOK INTO  
IT.

THANK YOU,  
ERIC ALLSTON